

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1170

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

To amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTIVE**
2 **TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 21 of title 38, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 2108. Specially adapted housing assistive tech-**
7 **nology grant program**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall make
9 grants to encourage the development of new assistive tech-
10 nologies for specially adapted housing.

11 “(b) APPLICATION.—A person seeking a grant under
12 this section shall submit to the Secretary an application
13 for the grant in such form and manner as the Secretary
14 shall specify.

15 “(c) GRANT FUNDS.—(1) The amount of each grant
16 awarded under this section shall be an amount of not more
17 than \$200,000 per year.

18 “(2) For each year in which the Secretary makes a
19 grant under this section, the Secretary shall make the
20 grant by not later than October 1 of that year.

21 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—(1) The recipient of a grant
22 under this section shall use the grant to develop assistive
23 technologies for use in specially adapted housing.

24 “(2) If the recipient of a grant under this section is
25 awarded a patent related to assistive technology developed

1 with amounts under the grant, the Secretary shall retain
2 not less than a 30 percent interest in such patent.

3 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each year,
4 the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing
5 information related to each grant awarded under this sec-
6 tion during the preceding calendar year, including—

7 “(1) the name of the grant recipient;

8 “(2) the amount of the grant; and

9 “(3) the goal of the grant.

10 “(f) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated to the
11 Department for Medical Services for each fiscal year,
12 \$2,000,000 shall be available for each such fiscal year for
13 the purposes of the program under this section.

14 “(g) TERMINATION.—The authority to make a grant
15 under this section shall terminate on the date that is five
16 years after the date of the enactment of this section.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
18 at the beginning of chapter 21 of title 38, United States
19 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“2108. Specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program.”.

20 (c) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-
21 retary shall implement the grant program under section
22 2108 of title 38, United States Code, as added by sub-

1 section (a), by not later than 180 days after the date of
2 the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 19, 2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.